to ensure that the distribution of chemical fertilisers to ryots is made in consultation with the Presidents of Panchayat Boards, etc., and the leading ryots of the villages, according to the area cultivated by each ryot.

As a result of short supply of fertilisers, the Minister for Home took up the matter with the Union Minister for Agriculture in July 1960 and urged that adequate quantities of fertilisers should be supplied to this State to meet the actual requirements. Recently, the Government of India have allotted 26,000 tons of Ammonium Sulphate, 3,000 Metric tons of Ammonium Sulphate Nitrate and 2,000 Metric tons of Urea for the quarter July to September 1960 and these quantities are being allocated to the districts in the light of the present stock position and demand and the Tiruchirappalli district (including the Lalgudi taluk) will also receive its due share.

I may emphasise that the shortage of fertilisers is being experienced throughout the State and it is not peculiar to any one district or area. Even with the inadequate allocations made to this State, every effort is being made to see that the minimum needs of all districts are met proportionately without any discrimination whatsoever, consistent with the acreage, actual needs of the ryots and the stock position.

VII.—GOVERNMENT MOTIONS.

(1) ELECTION TO THE MADRAS LAND IMPROVEMENT BOARD.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I move—

'That in pursuance of Section 8 (2) (*f*) of the Madras Land Improvement Schemes Act, 1959 (Madras Act 31 of 1959) this House do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Speaker, to elect three persons to the Madras Land Improvement Board.'

MR. SPEAKER : Motion moved—

'That in pursuance of Section 8 (2) (*f*) of the Madras Land Improvement Schemes Act, 1959 (Madras Act 31 of 1959) this House do proceed on a date to be fixed by the Hon. Speaker, to elect three persons to the Madras Land Improvement Board.'

The motion was put and carried.

MR. SPEAKER : In accordance with the regulations framed by me for the holding of elections according to the principle of proportional representation by means of the single transferable vote, I fix 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the 6th September 1960 as the time within which nomination papers of candidates for the election to the Madras Land Improvement Board should reach the Secretary. Nomination forms can be had on application to the Secretary.

The nomination papers will be taken up for scrutiny at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th September 1960. I also fix 11 a.m. on Wednesday, 7th September 1960 as the last hour and date for the withdrawal of candidature.

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If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of seats to be filled, viz., *three*, a poll will be taken on Thursday, the 8th September 1960 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

IV.—ANNOUNCEMENTS—*cont.*

(2) MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce that the Governor has given his recommendation to the introduction in the Madras Legislative Assembly of the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1960.

VIII.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS GENERAL SALES TAX (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1960 (L.A. BILL NO. 25 OF 1960).

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill, 1960.*

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"that leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras General Sales Tax (Amendment) Bill 1960."

The motion was put and carried, and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

(2) THE MADRAS BUILDINGS (LEASE AND RENT CONTROL) BILL 1959 (L.A. BILL NO. 20 OF 1959)—*cont.*

Clause 10—cont.

MR. SPEAKER : Now we shall continue discussion on Clause 10. Yesterday hon. Members Sri Srinivasa Iyer and Sri Sankaran have spoken. We will now continue the further discussion on Clause 10.

SRI S. LAZAR : Clause 10, operative part of the Bill, relates to prevention of eviction of tenants. In this clause, apart from provisions already existing as per recommendations of the Joint Select Committee, Government have brought forward certain amendments. I would like to deal with those amendments. In Amendment No. 47 brought forward by Government in item (i) (*a*) of sub-clause (3) it is stated as follows :—

"(i) in case it is a residential building, if the landlord requires it for his own occupation or for the occupation of his son and if he *is* or his son is not occupying a residential building of his own in the city, town or village concerned;"

I think the word "is" occurring after the words "if he" in line 3 is out of place. I think it is a mistake which has crept in at the time of typing the amendment. If the landlord requires

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